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## Some Facts

### About Clayhole

We have many inquiries from people who are becoming more and more interested about the murders and trials incidental to the troubles of Clayhole Voting Precinct in Breathitt, and the extraordinary conditions that have heretofore and do now prevail justify this public interest. Clayhole Voting Precinct is one of the remote voting places in Breathitt county, some fifteen or twenty miles from the County seat. This precinct previous to last election usually gave a democratic majority of more than two hundred and fifty. Elections were usually very quiet there, and there had been no disturbance or trouble previous to the murders last November on any election day. On the morning of the election on the day of the trouble about fifteen workers came into this precinct, who were non-residents of it, and a number of them non-residents of the county to wage battle for the republicans, and who were all armed and had not previously worked for the republican cause in this precinct. Only two of these republican workers were residents of this precinct. All of the democratic workers resided there. The fight took place in the morning between nine and ten o'clock, in which the democratic officers were killed or shot, all together four democrats were killed and some eight or ten democrats were shot and wounded, one republican killed and only two or three republicans wounded. These republican workers shot the democratic election officer and took the ballot box and shot it to pieces and threw it into Troublesome Creek. Judge Hurst, who now presides over that judicial district is claimed to have been elected on the republican ticket over a democratic opponent on account of the preventing of an election in this precinct. The Grand Jury in Breathitt County was slow about investigating these murders and after public attention was called through the press of the State indictments were finally procured against four of the survivors of the fight, who were democrats, and nine on the other side, who represented the republicans. When the case against the democrats was called in Judge Hurst's Court these four democrats made a motion for him to vacate the bench and permit another to try the case supporting the motion by an affidavit, in substance that Judge Hurst was a partisan republican and would not give them a fair trial and that he knew about the republicans who came into this precinct and knew they were going to break up the election and if necessary to commit murder and by reason of his interest and friendship for the republicans who did the killing that he would not give these four democrats a fair trial. Judge Hurst overruled this motion, it is said, and refused to vacate the bench, and after the press of the State again called attention to Judge Hurst's inactivity in this matter, and public sentiment was so aroused that a motion of these four democrats for a change of venue this motion was granted for a change and to the great surprise of everyone who followed the incidents of the cases this Circuit Judge sent the cases for trial to Catlettsburg, in Boyd county.

These four democrats on trial are people of very ordinary means and there are scores of witnesses interested in the cases and notwithstanding would have been apparently convenient to have had these cases tried in an adjoining county, Judge Hurst sent the cases away where the litigants were required to travel something like one hundred and seventy-five miles for trial. Breathitt county is farther from Catlettsburg than Lancaster, Ky. is. It is farther from Jackson than Lancaster is from Louisville, or than Lancaster is from Bowling Green, Ky., and although called upon time and time again to answer why these cases were sent so far away and inconvenient to the litigants Judge Hurst has never answered.

Some however, see the answer in the results of the trial in the Boyd district. It turns out that in that Court the Circuit Judge, Commonwealth's Attorney and County Attorney and the Sheriff are all republicans, and after the cases were sent to this district the Commonwealth's Attorney had the four democrats indicted upon the charge of having conspired to prevent the holding of an election in Clayhole Precinct, and in carrying out the conspiracy committed the crime of murder. Upon this charge these four democrats were convicted and two of them got fifteen years in the penitentiary.

What is strange and beyond understanding to the people who did not hear the trial is, how it could be possible that these four democrats interested in the success of their party should conspire to prevent an election in a precinct that always goes as much as 250 democratic, and further how it could be reasonably possible that these men should have in contemplation this thing, had their wives and children about the poles, and if the democrats had intended upon such plans why these republican warriors should so quickly after the fight have destroyed the ballot box and the ballots.

Another strange thing about the whole proceedings is why these republican officers in Boyd County should have so handled the cases that after the conviction of the four democrats that the testimony against the republicans, according to the ruling of Judge Halbert of the Boyd District, could not be introduced against any of these nine republicans who were indicted in connection with the murder. The four democrats and their counsel charged that they were railroaded into conviction and into jail by partisan, official conduct, and unless the officers of the law in these two districts are willing to do it and can make some satisfactory explanation of these four defendants, who are confined in jail, far from their homes and families, are going to have a great many converts to their position among the public who are inquiring into these cases.

For the honor of the State and the confidence that the people want to have in the courts of the country and the public officials and in the operations of law these matters should be sifted to the bottom. Let the facts and the truth of the matter come to the public's knowledge. It was in the effort to bring the truth of all these transactions to the public that Mr. Desha Breckinridge and the Lexington Herald got a law suit of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) by Circuit Judge Halbert of the Boyd Circuit Court. It will probably be annoying to the editor and his paper but we make the prophecy that there will be a zero day in July before the Judge gets the editor's money.

## STRAY DOGS

### Ordered Killed if Unmuzzled HYDROPHOBIA PREVALENT

Because of the prevalence of rabies in the State, Dr. A. T. McCormack, State Health Officer, has requested County Judges, Sheriffs and Health Officers of every county in Kentucky to put to death all stray dogs.

"Acting upon the authority conferred upon it by law," the request reads, "the State Board of Health calls your attention to a widespread epidemic of rabies in dogs in the State. In counties in almost every section of Kentucky men, women and children have been bitten by mad dogs and large live stock has been similarly infected and destroyed.

"In order to prevent a widespread epidemic of this very dangerous disease, this Board requests you immediately to issue such instructions to your subordinates as will cause them to destroy, as painlessly as possible, all stray dogs found running at large in any part of your jurisdiction.

"All dogs should be considered stray dogs which are at large unmuzzled for the next sixty days hereafter."

Dr. L. S. McMurtry, who is now the honored president of the State Board of Health, says that there are now more than 60 persons taking the treatment for bites from rabid animals, at the office of the State Board of Health in Louisville and more than twice as many others who are being treated by private physicians in their homes.

## Geoffrey Morgan

### Here in Interest of Garrard County Farm Bureau

Hon. Geoffrey Morgan, State Secretary for the Farm Bureau Federation, was in this city last Friday for a few hours, conferring with the organization committee of the Garrard County Bureau, which is to be launched in this county during the month of August.

Preparations are being completed for a special Farm Bureau edition of the Central Record, which will appear August 3rd, giving pages and pages of interesting matter of deep interest to the farmers of Garrard county, and giving many logical and unanswerable reasons why every farmer should become a member of this organization.

An organization of several hundred members has just been completed in Madison county and several more are under way throughout the State.

## Officers Get Rewards

Now that the Court of Appeals has upheld the constitutionality of the Rash-Gullicken act, the new prohibition law, officers in Kentucky who arrest persons drunk or who violate the state prohibition law in any other respect except in manufacturing liquor or having stills, will receive \$5 reward. The law provides that the \$5 in each case shall be taxed as costs against the defendant and then paid to the arresting officers. In cases where a still is found the informant will receive \$50 from the county fiscal court. This amount is not taxed as costs against the defendant. The lowest fine on a conviction for drunkenness is \$10 and costs in court and the extra \$5 will make the lowest fine and costs \$15.00.

## Community Fair

Last week we published a premium list of the Community Fair to be held in Bryansville Saturday, September 23rd. It is a very complete list and the premiums offered are very liberal.

The good people of that community are to be congratulated upon their enterprise and great good should result from it. While the exhibitors are limited to the school districts of Bryansville, Buena Vista, Brights Bend, Rice Academy, Mt. Hebron and Hickman, yet we feel that the entire county will lend its co-operation in attending the fair which should prove to be the biggest event ever pulled off in that section of the county.

## Fine Apples

This office is very grateful to Mrs. H. C. Bailey, for a box of delicious apples, which she kindly sent in last Friday. Mr. Dan East also brought us some fine ones, picked from a tree over 100 years old. The tree was planted by Mr. Billie Wheeler, who died in this county in 1838.

Ballards Obelisk Flour is pure, healthful and delicious. Try a sack today. Hudson & Farnau.

## PENNEBAKER

### Furniture Sold at Auction Wednesday, Brings High Prices

The fame of the Shakers may be diminishing, but the value of their handiwork is on the incline. That much was evident, too, Wednesday when a quantity of furniture left by the late Dr. W. F. Pennebaker at Shakerstown was sold by auction at that place. It is a matter of record that the Shakers never sold anything that pertained to their domestic life, and accordingly what Dr. Pennebaker controlled was really an accumulation of the years, the product of community work and the careful conservation of a fast disappearing fraternity.

The sale commenced early in the day and lasted until evening. John L. VanArsdall being auctioneer. The total for the day was approximately \$1,800, considered by all best able to judge a record figure for the number and quality of the articles sold. Buyers were present from many points, including Louisville, Lexington and Danville, and bidding was brisk throughout the day. There were not a few eye-openers as inconspicuous items of furniture were put up, prices soaring in an altogether unexpected way. Chairs of plain design and sometimes not too well preserved averaged \$10, while rockers went from \$12 to \$15. One secretary of walnut with sloping top sold for \$35, while a mantel clock with three panels brought \$25. Other mantel clocks ran from \$8 to \$12.

Some surprises were launched when the little candlestands were put up, some specimens realizing as high as \$20. One with a broken leg sold for \$12.50. Coverlets, woven, sold well, one realizing \$25.—Harrodsburg Herald.

## GOOD ROAD

### From Louisville to Middlesboro Through Lancaster

The Middlesboro Daily News has the following to say of the roads from Louisville through Lancaster to that thriving mountain city:

From Louisville to Middlesboro by motor in a little over twelve hours is the record of Mr. and Mrs. Hartsook of Louisville, guests of the Booneway Inn. Nor did they find any very bad roads, these travelers say, except a rough stretch this side of Harrodsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartsook left Louisville in their Paige car at 7:15 o'clock Monday morning and arrived at the Booneway at 7:30 o'clock that night. They came through Lexington, Nicholasville, Lancaster, Crab Orchard, Mt. Vernon, London, Corbin, Harrodsburg and Pineville. Their recommendations of the road are pleasing to Middlesboro people who hope that others will try this route and get away from the idea that the mountain roads are impassable.

## Hester

William Earl Hester, age twenty-two months, died at the Gibson Hospital, July 15th, 1922. He was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Zack Hester, Jr., and had been sick only a few days. Everything that loving hands could do was done, but to no avail, for he was bidden on earth to bloom in Heaven. \*\*\*

## Making Good

It is very gratifying to friends of Luther Herron to learn that he is making good at Corbin, Ky., where he went several days ago and is now the assistant chief of the guards at that place, being employed by the L. & N. railroad, to look after its property there. He has under him 250 guards and 19 sergeants, and writes that he is enjoying the work, even though of the responsibility it carries.

## Buys Partner

The firm of Francis-Smith millinery has dissolved its partnership, Miss Smith retiring, having sold her interest to Mrs. Rella Arnold Francis, who will conduct the business alone, as she has done for many years previous. Miss Smith made many warm friends while in Lancaster, and all wish and hope that she will not move from our midst.

It has been shown in this county that good seed wheat must be sown to get good wheat. Also if the land is tired it has also been shown that a liberal use of 16 per cent acid phosphate fertilizer pays. We have it. Hudson & Farnau.

## RUNNERS

### Desert Car Loaded With Moonshine

Bryansville Man Claims Whiskey Machine That was Abandoned in Danville

A Ford touring car, with a Garrard county license tag, was discovered abandoned at the corner of Maple avenue and Main street about five o'clock Thursday morning by R. H. McDonald, postoffice employee. McDonald's investigation led to the discovery of three ten-gallon kegs, partially filled with moonshine, in the rear of the car.

He immediately notified Sheriff Logan Wood and members of the police department, who upon arriving on the scene confiscated the car and liquor. One wheel had been broken off the automobile and this, it is believed, halted the whiskey runners in their mission.

The car was taken to police headquarters where it was claimed by Troy Hogue, of Bryansville. Hogue informed police that the car was the property of Dr. Rose, of Bryansville, but that he had rented it from him for one year. The machine, he said, was stolen from him Wednesday.

Hogue recited a fairly like narrative to police officials. Thursday, he said, he found an unsigned note under his door informing him that his car had been used Wednesday night and had broken down at Maple avenue and Main street in Danville. Nothing was said to the liquor. Hogue, however, failed to keep the note, saying he threw it away somewhere.

He expressed the opinion that one of his friends borrowed the car to make the trip. A warrant charging Hogue with transporting liquor was taken out by the local authorities. His trial has been set for Friday.

The car and whiskey are still in the possession of the police. The kegs it is believed, contain 25 gallons of moonshine.—Danville Messenger.

## Chautauqua Closes

### Final Program Given Monday Night

The Redpath Chautauqua closed another five day program with Lancaster last Monday night, and many hundred turned out during the entertainment, all apparently pleased with each number and many regretting that it was over and expressing the hope that it will be re-booked for another year. This in all probability will be done, after a few details have been worked out by the local committee that has that feature in charge.

While every number seemed to please, yet it seems unanimous that the lecture of Dr. A. H. Adrian last Monday night on "In Wonderland with Burbank," surpassed anything offered during the entire engagement.

Mr. V. T. Smith, the obliging and efficient superintendent left for Mt. Carmel, Ill., yesterday, and left many warm personal friends whom he had made during the week's stay in our city.

## New Company

### May Bid on Electric Light Franchise

Considerable talk is going the rounds of the city, that a number of citizens are contemplating buying the Electric Light and Power Franchise, which the City Council is advertising to be sold publicly, Monday, July 31st, the advertisement of which appears in this issue of the Record. One of Lancaster's most foremost and progressive citizens, informs us that an ideal place has been selected, suitable for the plant, with switch on the ground, thus eliminating the hauling of coal, etc. We are not informed as to how far the movement has reached, but we do know that quite a number of citizens are being interested and the talk is quite current upon our streets.

## No Agreement

### Reached in Strike Settlement

The failure of all efforts to bring about the settlement of the country-wide strike of the railway shopmen was announced in a statement issued last night by Ben W. Hooper, chairman of the United States Railroad Labor Board.

"As there does not seem to be any probability of reconciling the antipathetic views of the carriers and the men on the question at issue, neither the labor board nor any of its members are now engaged in any further efforts along that line," the statement said.

Seed Buckwheat for sale. Hudson & Farnau.

## LOVE FEAST

### Chamber of Commerce Meet With Paint Lick Citizens

A good representation from the Chamber of Commerce met with the citizens of Paint Lick last night and a general love feast resulted, the good people of that little city, having greeted them with a warm and cordial welcome.

The delegation went in a body from Lancaster and were met at the entrance to the city by a good size bunch of citizens, headed by Postmaster, R. H. Ledford and the entire body was escorted into the big Chautauqua tent, where we were warmly greeted and granted about 45 minutes time before the evening program started.

Mr. R. H. Ledford gave the delegation a very hearty and cordial welcome on behalf of the citizens of Paint Lick, all of which was highly appreciated by every one and made all feel that it was good to have been mingling with these delightful and cordial people.

R. L. Elkin thanked the speaker for the gracious welcome that had been accorded them and he in turn introduced several who made short talks, among these who spoke being, G. A. Abbott, G. B. Swinebroad, Billy Miller and John M. Farra. Altogether it was a delightful and happy occasion and many are unanimous of the opinion that such a meeting should be held more frequent.

## BURLEY GROWERS TO HAVE MEETING

### Leaders of Association and University Experts Will Be Speakers at Experiment Station

August 10th.

LEXINGTON, KY.—President and General Manager James C. Stone and Director of Warehouses Ralph M. Barker, of the Burley Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association; Director Thomas P. Cooper, of the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station; E. J. Kenney, tobacco specialist of the Experiment Station, and W. D. Valleau, plant pathologist of the Experiment Station, will be the speakers at a meeting of growers of Burley tobacco at the Experiment Station August 10th.

It is planned that the growers of tobacco shall be made acquainted with the work of the Experiment Station along tobacco lines and that the results of experiments now being conducted or that have been conducted to develop root-rot resistant strains of Burley tobacco will be made known.

President Stone probably will discuss the progress of the Burley Association in marketing the 1921 crop and in satisfying the growers that co-operative marketing is superior to the loose-leaf dumping system of selling.

Director Barker will give a demonstration for grading tobacco in the hand, which is expected to show the farmers how to improve their grading and so obtain better prices for their leaf.

## Service Station

### May be Erected on Public Square

Mr. T. S. Fish, of Lexington, has been in the city for several days and is interesting many in a Gasoline and Oil Service Station, to be erected upon the vacant lot on the north side of the public square, known as the Tomlinson corner and now owned by Messrs. Ed and Ben Hughes. It is proposed to organize with a \$10,000 capital stock, to be subscribed by Garrard county citizens. Nearly one-half of the stock has been subscribed.

The building is to be the latest design and is to be very much like one in Lexington (said to be the finest there), except that a ladies rest room will be added, making it the most complete one in Central Kentucky.

## Baseball Games

There will be a big baseball game at Paint Lick tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, when that splendid team will lock horns with Harrodsburg's famous nine. This should be a dandy game. Saturday the Point Leavell team will be matched with Crab Orchard on the Point Leavell grounds. Sunday at Bryansville that team will cross bats with Arlington Heights, of Lexington. This also will be a battle royal.

Crimson Clover is a fine fertilizer and good for grazing. Sow in July or August. Hudson & Farnau.